

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kawakami et al. (United States Patent No. 6,432,585 B1) ("Kawakami"). Kawakami is stated to disclose an electrode for a lithium secondary battery wherein an alloy thin film containing tin and indium is formed on the surface of a current collector having a surface roughness of not less than 1 μm . Col. 14, lines 34-55, of Kawakami is cited as a disclosure of the surface roughness of the collector of not less than 1 μm .

Removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection is in order. The surface roughness described in Col. 14, lines 34-55, of Kawakami is that of the electrode material and not that of the collector 100. Kawakami does not disclose a surface roughness of the current collector and is insufficient, therefore, to support a case of anticipation of claims 1-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication of allowability of Claim 8 is noted with appreciation.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003, and is believed to place

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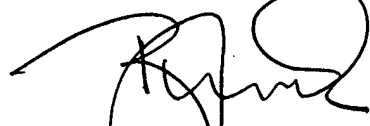
this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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